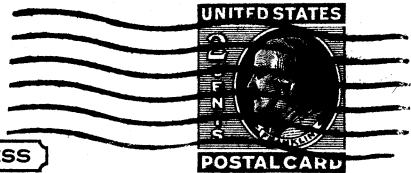


BOTTS FAMILY



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Rula E. Barbree,
Terre Haute, Ind.

R. R#2

Dear Miss B — Have you read the will of Seth
Botts. It was pub. in Tyler's Hist & Gen. Magazine
April 1952 Vol XXXIII no 4. It also gives the
names of the Ch. of Elizabeth & Sarah Botts who
m. John Wigginton & James Wigginton, respt. There is
no one named Seth Botts Wig - but maybe S B W. Came
in the later generations. I think your Seth B
Wig - belongs in one of these two families.
Will be anxious to hear what you find.
Do you know Joseph Lacy who was teacher
many yrs in Terra Haute H S. He was dean of
boys before retirement - He & I are working
on Kirkham genealogy. Best of luck.

Gertrude Cleghorn Jowersand.

Dear Miss Barker -

Wish I could help you more but
this is only item I have.

I would hazard a ~~not~~ wild guess
that your Seth BOTTs wig - is a
son of Sarah BOTTs & James wig -
because Sarah's father was Seth
BOTTs. Any way its a clue.

You will see J. Wig.'s will 1766 -
prob Stafford Co. but I do not have

ih' —

Mrs Elmer Botts of Custer Custer,
Montana may know more of the
Wig family — or the Wig will for
I think she sent this item.

I'm sending you what we have
on early Botts — some other names
it cetra might fit into your
picture. After you've read it will
you please return — You can see
(over)

The Betts Clan settled in Fleming
& Mason Co. Ky — Does that
agree with yours —

Be glad to hear more &
will send any thing else I
find. Excuse haste — I'm
leaving in few minutes
for Kans City.

Gertrude C. J.

In book "Kentucky Prisoners"
of Rev. & War 1812"
by Mrs. Carl W. McGhee

There is this note

"Henry Wigginton age 84 in 1840
list" in Bourbon Co. Ky.

This might be a clue to where
Wig-family lived

Do you know any
Cleghorn people? Anywhere?

I'm interested in every
one in the U.S.A.

Custer, Montana
Sept 29, 1953

Miss Rula E. Barbee

Route 2, Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Miss Barbee; Mrs Guy Josseland sent me your letter to her, dated in May of this year, asking information about Seth Botts Wigginton, and she asked me to write you. As you see, my husband is a Botts, and his line of descent is from Seth Botts & wife Sabina "Lib" or "Lib". I know two sisters married James & John Wigginton, and the father Seth, left a will, which only recently was found in a court record in Fredericksburg Va; when Seth Botts made his will, he bequeathed slaves to his children. One negro was given to one child, but with the proviso her children she produced, was to be given to the other daughter - years later, one Wigginton sued for the slave he felt due, and so in that suit, ^{certified} a copy of Seth's will was filed; - The original will was destroyed during the war between the states. If you have access to "Tyler's magazine", a genealogical quarterly, dated April 1952, you can read that article. It is by George H. S. King, and who writes about "extant wills". He had previously written me, offering me a copy of the will, for \$10.00.

A previous magazine, contained an article written by George W. Glass, a Botts descendant himself. I understand Mr Glass has discontinued genealogy research, I do not know if true, (but I do know he replied to none of my letters).

I have a faint recollection of seeing the name Smith Grigsby amongst my notes at some time, but cannot now recall why or where. My husband descends from Seth & wife through their son Aaron & wife Anne Parks of Va; Thompson Botts, born in 1760 in Virginia, (Stafford or Culpepper Co) removed to

Green & Nelson Co Ky. There, also, was another descendant of Seth Botts, who was Nalle. If you obtain from some library the Tyler's article by Geo. W. Glass, you will see that one of Seth's family married a Nalle. That this Nalle was on the "bond" for the marriage of great grand father Thompson Botts to Martha K. Tutt, in 1807, in Nelson Co. Ky., shows they probably settled nearby.

I have found Botts in various counties in Ky, such as Mason, Bath, & Fleming, besides Barren, Nelson, Green, and Adair. I never searched for Wigginton, however. It would be interesting to have you tell me in what counties in Ky, these Wiggintons were, & give me your data! In contacting various relatives, & others in Ky. if I can assist you, I will do so & write you of it.

My own kin were Moss, who settled near Greencastle, Indiana, also Stones. They were from Fleming & Bath Co's Ky. I have a record where Lydia Moss Bradley's estate was settled in Peoria Ill, in 1912, naming 15-5 heirs, many in Terre Haute. It seems Mrs Bradley was a multimillionaire and endowed & established Bradley University, at Peoria, Ill. I have often wished I might have a few records that must be in Indianapolis - but "promises" never produced any results!

I shall try to contact a woman who once wrote me about Wiggintons from Maryland, & seeking information herself. If she will reply, possibly she might have some more information, by now.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Elmer Botts,

Custer, Montana.

P.S. Mrs Josseland's husband is from the same line of Botts' except theirs was William Botts, a bro - when we first came to Mont in 1914 there was a druggist by name Wigginton - long since dead!

Later - I have located the address
at last; Miss Miedred Jones
36 Faculty Apts
Charlottesville

the woman who wrote me in Va.
1951, wanting Botts-Wigginton data -
She may have found something to
help you along - as she is a Wigginton
descendant. If you can contact her at
all - I suggest you write; P. M. please
forward, if possible "on the envelope. I do
not know anything further to tell you,
only that she established James Wigginton
M. Elizabeth Botts, dau. of Seth.

In the Chancery suit, Fredericksburg
it is brought out one Wigginton sued the
other for slaves withheld, according to
Tylers 1952 article by King.

I do not have much data on James
That Lucy Gaines' pedigree thru Anne

Cornelius, a dau of Rowland Cornelius
is about all - & that Lucy Gaines, in
Mason Co Ky, had a dau Lucy who
m. a man named Shovel, & a son
Rowland Batts. I hope you succeed -
for it is really a satisfaction.

Miss Rula E. Barbee

Terre Haute Ind

Dear Miss Barbee: Your data is very clearly stated and I would like to know how & where you obtain such charts as you used, & the price.

I am sorry that I do not have any data that names these particular people, but I will be on the alert, and should I ever find any, I will forward to you.

However, here are a few notes I do have - though perhaps of little value to you.

Once I hired a Mrs Myrtle Allen of Bardstow Ky who did some splendid sleuthing finding many records in Botts - Tuttle, where a former genealogist found nothing!

It is my guess, that our Botts, your Wiggintons the Tuttle, Parks and the Nalle's were all close & went together to Nelson Co - We know that one Botts m. Nalle, in Va and we find where one Nalle was security or bondsman when our ancestor Thompson Botts, m. Patsy (Martha K. Tuttle) there in 1807.

There was a Miss Mildred Jones, wrote me in 1950/51 - I looked just now but failed to find her address though it should be here. She wanted Wigginton data - and the will of Seth Botts (if I had obtained it) of Stafford Co Va.

If you will, write to Geo. W. Glass's Congressional Library, Washington D. C. and ask if he can supply you with the address of Miss Mildred Jones, or any other Wigginton descendant.

I referred you to Mr Glass' article in July 1949 "Tyler's Magazine" - in which he tells of Botts & Wigginton's. Then, in Apr "Tyler's" 1952, there is an article by one Geo. H. S. King about Seth Botts will, found in Chancery Court in Fredericksburg Va. - In it, Mr King mentions Mr Glass. (neither gives the address) If you have already read these, you know about it, already. Mr Glass is a descendant of Seth Botts thru Frankie's Gaines - & Daniel Triplett, I understand.

Here is another suggestion: I find it helpful to write the corresponding sec. National Daughters of Am. Rev. Administration Bldg, Washington D. C. & ask for descendants holding an active membership under that name (name wanted) If they have it, they will use your return envelope to say so. - & sometimes, you find it has already been worked out !!

Now - do you know any Glascocks around anywhere? Or Moss?

Be sure that I will write if I should learn anything - oh yes! I found my Benedict line from Conn. by clues furnished me by Salt Lake City L. D. S. Library! They will look then if the co & name is there, you can get a "worker". You see they go everywhere & copy co. records, etc!

Yours Truly, Mrs Elmer Botts
Custer, Mont.

Dear Miss Barbee,

That was really cooperative of you to copy off Seth Botts' will - I note that it says my 5 sons but names ~~only~~ Wm, Aaron, Joseph, Joshua & John, Nancy, Jenny, Mary Prince, Elizabeth & Sarah, yet speaks of the need of supporting the "young children" - so I wonder if there were any born after he made his will, '29/1763; he died 14 years later so if no others, the young ones might have been of age. Now I want very much to get a copy of Aaron's will if possible - I think you may know more about Botts than I do; - anyway if you can get to a library that has genealogical material, you are 100% plus, ahead of me! There is no library anywhere around that has even an up to date "who is who" book! They say they will not invest, because it would lead into more expense."

I think, too, I told you that I contact a Botts family, the man, Thomas Warfield Botts, being coach & athlete director for the University of Mo., at Columbia. It appears that he, & his near kin, descend from Aaron the brother of Seth (whose wife was Sabina) while my husband & near kin comes from Aaron the son of Seth & Sabina, according to what George Glass worked out, in 1949.

Now I wrote to Mrs Myrtle Allen, Bardstown, Ky and she thinks she saw the names Parks & Wigginton in Nelson Co records.

It was she who found our Botts & Tuttle data there, after one genealogist made a trip there & found only one item, that being the marriage bond & record of (our) Thompson Botts to Martha Tuttle, in 1807. -- Then, Mrs Allen went over the records, and found whole pages about them, in deeds, wills & various records. She was very modest

in her charges, compared to others, and I suggest she be given the chance to look, because (I may have told you) there was a Nalle (descendant of Botts) who was security or bondsman for the marriage of Thompson Botts to Martha Tutt, and it seems to me, mention of a Wigginton in some of the data was made (Nelson Co.)

BACH

Mrs Wm Bach asked me to give her considerable data offering "an exchange", on my Stone "problem" in Bath Co. Ky. - that has happened to me, by her, some 2 or 3 times ^{with never given a reply after getting it}. So - this time she "promised" she would write soon and tell me if she has Wigginton data (on her son-in-law's line - (Andrew who m. Louvinney Stone). I do not know if she is sick, procrastinates, OR if she attends to "more pressing" things ~~thins~~ first! (those being the well paying customers) She has been recommended to me by several organizations; the most recent saying, "Mrs Wm Bach, 165 Bell Court W., Lexington Ky is high priced, but a thorough worker". I know she goes about, (or did), to various libraries such as Louisville's Filson Club records, Frankfort et al. There is an idea for you; if you have not, why not write to Filson Club, Louisville Ky.? They have answered me several times.

It may be your "stubborn" streak is no less than my own, but unlikewise, you may have the money at your disposal to hunt up these things, which is not my own case! I seldom do have! There is a Botts descendant a very interesting correspondent to me, named Mr Glen C Frey in Seymour Ind. I will not say if he may have Wigginton's but possibly he might. I will enclose his address in case you want to try it (?) If I ever hear any items, I'll send you

Sincerely, Alta Botts.

Myrtle Point, Oregon
March 12, 1955

Dear Mrs. Barbee:

I noticed your item in the March "The Genealogical Helper".

I am not particularly interested in the Wigginton genealogy but I have this material in my files.

From "Virginia Wills Before 1799" by Southern Book Co. Baltimore, 1952. Counties Amherst, Bedford, Loudoun, Prince William and Rockbridge.

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Wigginton, James, Loudoun Co., Va. Will filed
Aug. 12, 1766.

wife, Sarah Bottes
mother, Sarah Wigginton
mother-in-law, Libucan Bottes
brother-in-law, Aaron Bottes
Brother, John Wigginton
son, Benjamin Wigginton and other children.

A great-uncle of mine is named Benjamin Wigginton McKee, born 1839, either in Ill. or Ind. Have wondered if there was a relationship. If I knew where Benjamin Wigginton was living in 1839, it might help me in tracing my McKees.

Yours truly,

Alice H. Wooldridge

Mrs. C. F. Wooldridge Sr.
655 Sixth St.
Myrtle Point, Oregon

H. J. RHODES
4112 VIA LARGA VISTA
PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIF.
Feb. 18, 1956

Mrs. Rula E. Barbee
Rural Route 2
Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Mrs. Barbee:

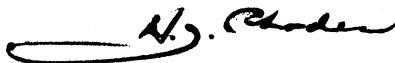
Your letter of May 12, 1953, addressed to Mrs. Guy D. Jossarand has been forwarded to me.

I am descended from Ann Enelia Botts (1820-1912), dau. of Rev. Joseph Botts, who m. Ira G. Rhodes (1814-1898). Our Rhodes History, published in 1893, gives considerable early history and in addition to this my great grandfather and grandfather Rhodes passed some Botts records on to me. During the past several years I have been compiling a "Botts Outline" which is to be included in our Rhodes Genealogy to be published this year. This Outline ends with the record of the children of Rev. Joseph, son of John and Lucy (Gaines) Botts.

In your letter to Mrs. Jossarand you inquire about Seth Botts, Wiggintons and others of the Botts and Wigginton family. I have some Botts-Wigginton information and will be glad to help if I can. If interested, please send me every known fact you have concerning your Seth Botts Wigginton.

During recent weeks we have been writing letters to known Botts descendants asking if they would be interested in forming a Botts Family Ass'n. for the purpose of handling some needed early research and publishing a Botts Genealogy. We've also asked if each would contribute \$10.00 toward a fund to be used for research only. Many have replied stating that they are interested. If interested in such a venture please advise.

Yours very truly,



H. J. Rhodes

H. J. RHODES
4112 Via Largavista
PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIF.

Dec. 18, 1956

Miss Rula E. Barbee
% Thornton High School
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Miss Barbee:

We are today in receipt of a card from Gertrude C. Jossierand advising of your interest in the Botts Family. Also that you would like to join our recently formed Botts Family Ass'n. of America.

During the past twenty odd years I have been compiling a genealogy of our Rhodes Family and a "Botts Outline" of all family groups involved in my line of descent from Thomas Botts, (d. Stafford Co. Va. 1742). Our Rhodes manuscripts and Botts Outline is now about complete and will be published early next year. However, separate and apart from this project, about thirty of us have banded together and formed The Botts Family Ass'n. of America for the purpose of compiling a full Botts Genealogy in manuscript form and hope this will someday lead to a published Botts Genealogy.

The Botts Family Association of America, (hereafter referred to as B.F.A.), has been functioning now about two months. Our officers are as per following:

Judge C. M. Botts, Albuquerque, N. Mex. - Pres.
Vesper (Botts) Trodick, Kalispell, Mont. - Ex. V.P.
Wm. I. Rhodes, Grants Pass, Oreg. - Treas.
Virginia (Mullinax) Botts, Columbia, Mo. - Sec'y.
H. J. Rhodes, P.V.E., Calif. - Dir. of Research

The purpose of B.F.A. is to collect, compile, and preserve all records pertaining to Thomas Botts, (d. 1742) and his descendants and to continue early research regarding the family. Membership is open to any descendant who will help us gather records, (in chart form), of his (or her) particular branch. Charts should be prepared in duplicate and may be obtained from Mrs. Virginia Botts, 1209 University, Columbia, Mo. Contributions are voluntary and should be sent to Wm. I. Rhodes, 207 N.E. "D" St., Grants Pass, Oregon -(to date contributions have ranged from \$10.00 to \$100.00 per member. Contributions are, of course, necessary to the success of B.F.A., but please understand that we are not soliciting funds. Several thousand dollars has been expended in the past by various members of the family and there has been much duplication. We intend to stop all duplication of work, keep letter writing to a minimum, and work in a cooperative and business-like manner toward an accurate family record.

If interested please let us hear from you. I enclose a small chart of my line of descent from Thomas Botts, (d. 1742).

Sincerely yours,

H. J. Rhodes

H. J. Rhodes

TIMOTHY BOTTS (D. 1742)

SETH BOTTS (D. 1776)
M. "LIB" (OR "SIB") BRIDWELL

JOHN BOTTS (1754-1796)
M. LUCY CAINES

REV. JOS. BOTTS (1790-1880)
M. SABRA WILKES

ANN EMELIA BOTTS (1820-1912)
M. IRA CRAVES RHODES

EUGENE JOS. RHODES (1845-1931)
M. MARTHA ANN KEENER

WM. IRA RHODES (1885-)
M. PAULINE E. JACKLIN

HOWARD J. RHODES (1910-)
M. INEZ E. MURPHY

Batts Family of Virginia and Kentucky

Thomas Batts came from Wales (?) and settled in Virginia, Stafford County (?). He had a land grant in 1711 in Richmond County, Virginia. He married Elizabeth _____. His will in Stafford County, Virginia in 1742.

Children:

1. Thomas Batts
2. John Batts
3. Moses Batts
- m. Sarah Chamberlain
4. Aaron Batts

Died Loudon Co. Va. Nov. 1778

5. Archibald Batts

m. Margaret Chamberlain

Daughter of Wm Chamberlain, mentioned in will 1791.

- * 6. Seth Batts

m. Sabrina Bridwell

Before
1741

- * Seth Batts

1715-20

m. Sabine Bridwell of Prince Wm. Co. Va.

His will made 1763 - Prob. 1776 in Stafford Co. Va

TO THE MEMBERSHIP AND FRIENDS OF THE YOUNGSTOWN
METHODIST CHURCH.

WE WISH TO REPORT THAT The Youngstown Methodist church has an axeeellent financial year, also a very successful year in every other way. We appreciate every contribution each person has made, and are thankful to God for our prosperity and blessings.

Joshua Batts son of Seth Bridewell
 was b. 1751 in Stafford County Virginia.
 He died 1818 in Culpepper County Vir-
 ginia. Served in Revolutionary War.

Children:

1. William Batts	c 1773	Bachelor
2. Susannah Batts	1774	1859
m. Daniel Triplett	1763	1845

Children:

1. Susannah Batts ^{Triplett}	1804	
m. Daniel Freeman		
(1800-1872)		

George Glass line

3. Benjamin Gaines Batts	1776	1811
m. Jane Tyler		

He figures prominently in the trial of
 Aaron Burr. He perished in a fire in
 a Richmond, Virginia theater in 1811.

Children:

1. Alexander Lithgow ^{Batts}	1800	
m. Susan F. Randolph		
2. John Minor Batts	1802	
m. Mary Whiting Blair		
3. Thos. Hutchison ^{Batts}		
m. Mary Mills		
4. Charles Tyler ^{Batts}	1809	1884
m. Margaret Marshall, of Fredericksburg, Va.		

4. Ann Batts (Nancy)
m. Major Jesse Nalle.

1781

Children: Nalle

1. Thomas Batts (Nalle)

John Batts, son of Seth and Sabrina
(Bridwell) Batts b. 1754. Married Lucy
Gaines and settled in Macon County, Kentucky,
in 1790's.

Was Lucy Gaines a sister to Frances
Gaines, wife of Joshua?

Lucy Gaines father was:
" " mother " :

Children:

(From a booklet of Joseph Batts reunion, third
Sun. in August. Where)

Joseph Batts (son of Seth and Sabrina
Bridwell Batts. ???) born _____ married
Catherine Butler Apr. 9, 1772 in Pr. William
Co. Va. She was a daughter of Joseph
Butler and Ann _____. He died Montgomery
County, Kentucky 1815. Inv. 7 July 1815.
Catherine Batts d. May 4, 1835. Will B.R. D
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Children:

1. James Batts	1773	1799
2. Sarah Batts	1774	1848
3. Joseph Batts	1776	1842

4. Joshua Batts

1778

1859

m. Malinda Holiday

Lived to be 96.

* 5. Robert Batts (Age)

1779

1895

6. Catherine Batts

1781

1823

7. Elijah Batts

1783

1792

(Name might be Elizabeth)

8. Charles Batts

1784

1846

9. Lawrence Batts

1786

1833

10. Sabrina Batts

1788

1844

11. Aaron Batts

1790

1819

12. Thomas Batts

1891

1854

13. Seth Batts

1794

1873

14. Frances Batts

1796

1824

Did she m. Elkanah

Smith in Montgomery Co. Ky. 12-24-1819?

Robert Batts

1809 22a

m. Elizabeth Tolson

Children:

1. Benjamin Tolson ^{Batts}

m. Mary Williams

2. Nancy Batts

m. _____ Wells

3. Joe Batts

m. Julia Ann Meyers

Mr. Jackson D. Guerrant }
536 Maple Ave., } Gaines
Danville Ky. }

4. Amy Greene Batts

m. Harrison O'Rear

5. James Robert Batts

m. Mary Matilda Everman

6. Katie Batts

m. Milton W. Clure

7. Elizabeth Batts

m. Joseph O'Rear

8. George Nelson Batts

m. Drusilla Bradshaw

Children:

1. Lula

2. Nancy

Mrs. Guy D. Josseland }
Dodge City, Kansas }

Mrs. Fern R. Crandall } Gaines
Box 92 }
Rupert, Idaho }

Mr. John Alexander Kelly } Gaines
Haverford College, Haverford, Pa. }

Miss A. E. Green } Gaines
3008 16th Rd. S., }
Arlington Va. }

Miss Ella Matson } Gaines
2421 County Ave. }
Jefferson, Ark. }

William Edward Burdick } Gaines
Rt 3, Box 80, Olympia, Wash. }

Mr. Albert P. Wallace } Gaines
88 South 3 West Box 623 }
Farmington, Utah }

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Children: (Overwharton Parish Baptism Record,
Stafford County, Virginia

1. Sarah Batts 2-9-1756

m. James Whigginton
His will 1766

2. Elizabeth Batts 10-3-1741

3. William Batts 4-16-1744

m. Priscilla Lee

Daughter of Stephen Lee. He went to Fleming
County, Kentucky in 1790's.

4. Aaron Batts 1746

m. Anne Parks

Daughter of John Parks of Virginia

5. Joshua Batts 1751 1818

m. Frances Gaines

He died in Culpepper Co. Va.

6. John Batts 1754

m. Lucy Gaines

He settled in Mason County, Kentucky

7. Jane "Jennie" Batts 1-8-1757

m. William Gaines

8. Anne "Nancy" Batts
(See Seth's will 1776)

9. Joseph Batts

m. Catherine Butler

10. Mary Prince Betts

William Batts, son of Seth and Priscilla Lee Batts was born April 16, 1744, Stafford County, Virginia. He married Priscilla Lee, daughter of Stephen Lee and Jane Mattison (Maddison). Stephen was son of Richard Lee of "Ditchly" and wife, Judith Steptoe. Priscilla died in Stafford County, Virginia and William Batts went to Kentucky ~~on November 1, 1793~~ He landed at Limestone Creek, now Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky on November 1, 1793. He died August 19, 1801 and was buried in Mason County. Later his body was moved to Flemingsburg, Fleming County, Kentucky, to his son Seth's family plot.

Children:

1. Geo. Washington Batts ca 1770
m. Ann Scott

He was a merchant and a paymaster in Company in War of 1812.

Children:

1. George Ann Batts
m. John Allen

Bath Co. Ky
1833

No Children

2. William Scott^{Batts} 1810 1863 Bachelor

He was a judge and senator. He left

a large estate which was divided equally among 260 heirs on his maternal and paternal sides.

2. Seth Batts

6-11-1772

m. Amy Epps Hedges dau. of Capt. John Hedges and Elizabeth Epps.

3. Mary Batts

m. Samuel P. Hedges

4. Nancy Batts

m. Thomas Parker

5. Eleanor (Nelly) Batts

m. Richard Parker

6. Elizabeth Batts

m. William Shackelford.

Note: Mrs. Jane Lee Moses, Mayville, Kentucky has a copy of a letter written by Priscilla (Lee) Batts in Stafford County, Virginia and sent to her daughter Elizabeth Shackelford who lived in Kentucky.

Note: Grace B. Armstrong, Urbana, Ill.
"In an old prayer book, Elizabeth Batts Shackelford copied the following lines from the tombstone of her father,

buried at Richland Meeting House,
Mason County, Kentucky:

"Sacred to the memory of William
Batts, born in Stafford County, Virginia
April 16, 1744. Married Priscilla Lee of
Prince George County, Md., November 9, 1769.
Landed in Ky. Nov. 1, 1793 and departed
this life on Monday evening Aug. 10, 1801.
Aged 57 years, 3 months and 25 days."

Miss Armstrong might have something
on the Wiggintons.

Aaron Batts, son of Seth and Sabrina
Bridewell was born 1746. He married
Anne Parks, daughter of John Parks
and — — —. He died in — — —
He moved to Kentucky before 1785.

Children (Known)

1. Samuel

1835

m. Susannah Stone

Mary —

He fought at the battle of Bull Run.

2. Bernard Batts

m. Susannah —

3. John Batts

4. Thompson Batts

1785

Adair Co Ky

1866

m. Martha Tutt

Elizabeth Moore

5. Joseph B. Batts

1798

m. Nancy Fristoe

6. Mary Batts

m. John Fristoe

7. Lucy Batts

m. Wm Fristoe

8. Elizabeth Batts

m. Gabriel Parks

9. Sarah Batts

m. Innis Brown

Thompson Batts married 1807 in Nelson County, Kentucky died 1866, his will in Adair County, Kentucky. 8 Children by Martha Titt; 4 Children by Elizabeth Moore.
Children:

1. Aaron Batts

2. Thomas Titt Batts 1808 1892

m. (1) Eliza Mpton, a Cousin of Mark Twain

(2) Nancy Bristoe

(3) Cynthia Emerson

3. Benjamin Batts

1820 In Mo.

4. Rufus Batts

1811 In Mo. 1884

m. (1) Polly Gearhart

(2) Jane Fisher Higgs

5. John Batts

m. Susan Craig

6. Batts Was M.D. in Civil War, Adair Co. Ky.

Union Army

6. Samuel Batts (M.D. in Confederate Army)

m. Georgia Carpenter

7. Nancy Batts

Adair Co. Ky.

m. Seymour Moore

8. Sarah Batts

1829 1921

m. George Caldwell
Wm Walker

9. Henry Batts - an attorney in Tenn.

m. Minerva

10. Anne Batt
m. Jeff Baker
11. Laura Batt
m. John Powell
12. Catherine Batt
m. Wm Arr.

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L. T. J. J.

Glasgow Ky

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Copies of Estante Wills from Counties
Whose Records Have Been Destroyed
By George Harrison Sanford King
Fredericksburg, Virginia.
Will of Seth Batts of Stafford County, Va.

In the name of God Amen: I Seth
Batts of the County of Stafford and
Parish of Overwharton being sick and
weak of body but of perfect mind and
memory praised be Almighty God and
calling to mind the mortality of all
flesh, and knowing it appointed
for all men to die, do constitute and
ordain this my last will and
testament in manner and form
as followeth, disannulling all
other wills and testaments by me
heretofore made or approved.

Inprimis: I Commit my soul
into the hands of God that gave it:
&c and my body to the earth its
mother, to be decently buried at
the discretion of my Exrs. hereafter
mentioned

Item: I give and bequeath to my son William Batts two hundred acres of Land more or less lying on the south run of Chappaquanic beginning at a branch called the school house branch following a line of marked trees running towards Wm Batts. Also I give unto him one negro man named Tom, one negro boy named Edward and one whipsaw, also one feather bed and bolster and Rugg, one pair of blankets, a pair of sheets also one dish and six plates, also one horse Colt, also I give unto my son William Batts one cow and calf to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Aron Batts one hundred & fifty acres of Land with the plantation whereon I now live being part of the same tract with my son William Batts and also twenty five acres joining

to it being part of a patent belonging to Robert Milliam, also one negro boy called Bok and fifty pounds cash to be laid out to buy him another slave, also my stills also one bed, one rugg and bolster, one blanket, one pair sheets, also one horse that is now called his, also one dish & six plates also one cow and calf to him and his heirs forever. I also give unto my son Aaron Batts one Mahogany table.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Jas. Batts one hundred acres of Land out of the parcel of Land bought of Capt. John Lee beginning at a marked white oak on the middle run of Chappawamisc near the mouth of a branch called the school house branch and from thence following a line of marked trees to a corner red oak tree upon a ridge and from thence running along Lee's line on part

whereof I have a small plantation
now cleared - also one mulatto
boy called Daniel and fifty pounds
cash to buy him a young slave,
also one feather bed and bolster,
one rugg, one blanket, one pair of
sheets, also one dish and six plates
to him and his heirs forever. I also
give unto my son Jos. Batts one iron
pot bought of Papes estate, also one
Cow & Calf.

Item: I give and bequeath unto
my son Joshua Batts the other
part of the same tract of Land, one
hundred acres lying in the middle
run of Chappaquansic, also one
negro woman called Nell, but
from this day the two first
Children that she shall raise
shall be for my two daughters
Nancy Batts and Jenny Batts and
also one negro boy called Moses,
also one feather bed, one bolster,
one rugg, one blanket, one pair
sheets to him and his heirs

forever, and after these two children are raised by the said Nell, until my two daughters come of age by my Ego's; and then the said Nell and her issue to my son Joshua Batts, him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary^{*} Batts one negroe boy called George and one negroe girl called Katherine besides the first child the said Nell shall raise to be one month old, also one feather bed and one bolster, one rugg, one blanket, one pair sheets, also one Cow to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Jenney Batts one negroe girl named Rose, she and her increase to the said Jenney Batts, and also the second child which the said Nell shall raise to be one month old, also one feather bed, & bolster, one rugg, one Blankett, one pair of sheets, also one Cow & Calf to her and

^{*} This is unquestionably an error for Nancy Batts

her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son John Batts two negro boys, one named Solomon the other named Anthony also one negro woman called Sarah, she and her increase to the said John Batts, also one feather bed, one rug, one blanket, one pair of sheets, also one Cow, to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Prince one negro girl called Grace, and also fifty pounds cash to buy her a young slave, also the feather bed and furniture that is now called hers, also one Cow and calf, also one dish and six plates.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Batts one negro girl called Martha, also fifty pounds cash to buy her a young slave, also one bed and furniture which is now called

here, one cow and calf and one dish and six plates, also I give her my riding mare.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Whigginton fourteen pounds which is due for the land James Whigginton bought of me, to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my loving wife Sabina Batts one negro man called Peter, also one negro woman called Frank, also one negro woman called Dinah, I give also the work of all my negroes to my loving wife to maintain the young Children with all and to raise the young negroes with also all my whole stock and working tools to the profit of the young Children (except the legacies before mentioned) to the schooling of them and also the goods that is in the house to the cloathing of them with all, but at her death

it shall be equally divided amongst my five sons. All that I have given unto my wife is during her widowhood, but at the day of her marriage she shall deliver all that I gave her into the hands of my Executors, except one negroe and one bed and one Cow and one negroe that I have left my wife. Shall at her death be equally divided among my five sons. The cash that I have left is to be laid out to purchase Slaves with by the hand of Col. John Baylis when he shall see a Convenient opportunity, and there shall no part of this two hundred pounds drawn out that is to purchase slaves with until it is laid out and that my Executors shall have the liberty of working the slaves that I have left for the maintenance of the young Children on any part of my land

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for the support of the said
Children until they Come of age.

January 29th 1763

I Constitute and ordain my loving
wife and my son W^m Batts and my
son Aaron Batts Executors to
execute this my last will and
Testament.

^{His}
Seth + Batts + Seal +
Mark. ^{xxxxx}
^{xxxxx}

Signed & Sealed for - } Wm Bridwell
in the presence of } ^{His} Moses B X Bridwell
mark
Robert X William
mark
August Court 1776

Stafford Sc:

This will was presented in
Court by Lebinia Batts and William
Batts two of the executors therein
named who made oath thereto
according to law, and being fully
proved is admitted to record,

and on motion of the said Sebina
and William ~~and~~ they having
performed what is usual in such
cases, Certificate is granted them
for obtaining a probate thereof
in due form.

Teste

Henry Tyler C. S. C.

A Copy
Teste

J. M. Conway Cl. & Cur.

Notes

In ^{the} July 1949 issue of this Quarterly Mr. George Glass contributed a very interesting article on The Family of Benjamin Gaines Batts (1776-1811) with genealogical notes relative to the Batts, Gaines and related families of Virginia.

At the time the article was written Mr. Glass did not have access to the will of Seth Batts of Stafford County which was recorded in Stafford County Will Book "N" (which covered the years 1767-1783), page 323 and which volume is now missing from the Clerk's Office.

Some forty odd years after the death of Seth Batts there arose in the Fredericksburg District Court a suit in Chancery styled Thornberry vs. Whigginton in which certain slaves and their descendants were in litigation and a certified copy of the will of Seth Batts of Stafford was presented as evidence in these proceedings. This document together with certain depositions and other papers filed while the suit was in progress add some information to that previously published, and these facts have been further supplemented by additional information gathered by Mr. Glass to whom I am indebted for making

the same available for this account.

The maiden name of Sabina the wife of Seth Batts has not been ascertained. She died intestate in Stafford County about 1785 and agreeable to her husband's will her dower estate was equally divided among her five sons. Seth and Sabina had issue:

1. Sarah Batts who married James Wigginton. The suit papers state that on 1 January 1765 he moved from Stafford to Loudoun County to become overseer for Thomson Mason Esq; and that he died testate in Loudoun County in August 1766. Mrs Sarah (Batts) Wigginton died testate in Frederick County, Va., in 1813; her will mentions land in Stafford, Culpeper and Frederick Counties. James and Sarah (Batts) Wigginton had issue four children:

(a) Mary Wigginton who married Samuel Thornberry; they were the plaintiffs in the suit previously referred to and in 1817 were residing in Fauquier County, Virginia

(b) Nancy Wigginton who married John Mitchell of Culpeper County. In 1817 she was dead, and her children were made defendants in this suit, viz: Sally wife of Thomas Yancey of Culpeper County; Betsy the wife of Charles Helm of Kentucky; ~~William~~ ^{John} Mitchell and ~~James~~ ^{John} his wife of Kentucky; James Mitchell

and Susan his wife of Kentucky;
Benjamin Mitchell of Kanawha County;
John Mitchell Jr. and Nancy his wife
of Kentucky; and Catherine the wife
of John Galat who were residing
in Alabama.

(c) Benjamin Wigginton of Culpeper
County who was by his father's
will devised certain Stafford County
lands and in which his mother
had relinquished her dower rights.
His daughter Elizabeth ("Betty") Wigginton
the wife of Edward Settle of Fauquier
County was a legatee mentioned
in the will of Sarah (Batts)
Wigginton which was written
in 1811.

(d) James Wigginton who was
born in 1766 shortly after his
father's death. He was executor
of his mother's will, and his
two sons were legatees mentioned
in their grandmother's will, viz:
William Pendleton Wigginton and
James Booth Wigginton.

2. Mary Batts married prior to 29 Jan. 1763 - Mrs. Prince.

3. Elizabeth Batts was born 3 October 1741 and married John Wigginton, brother of James Wigginton above mentioned. John Wigginton was the foster son of Richard Young (died 1775) of "Greenfield's, Culpeper County, and was the principle legatee of his will. The tombstones of John Wigginton who died April 27, 1825 aged 84 years and his wife Elizabeth who died July 5, 1824 aged 82 are clearly legible in the old cemetery at "Greenfield's". The will of John Wigginton is of record at Culpeper Court. John and Elizabeth (Batts) Wigginton had issue eight children.

(a) Richard Young Wigginton (died 1807) of Culpeper; he married Mary Jones, daughter of Gabriel + Martha (Slaughter) Jones. She died without issue in Culpeper County in 1847.

(b) John Wigginton Jr., married Mary Bell + removed to Kentucky.

(c) Seth Wigginton died unmarried in New York in 1805.

(d) Benjamin Wigginton who married Harriett Scott and removed to Bedford County Virginia. Their daughter Anne E. Wigginton married Dr. Archibald Bolling and they were grandparents of Edith Bolling the second wife of President Woodrow Wilson.

(e) Elizabeth Wigginton who married John Miller Bell and removed to Kentucky.

(f) Sarah Wigginton who married her cousin James Wigginton Thornberry. They moved to Kentucky.

(g) Jane Wigginton (1769-1857) who married 14 September 1790 in Culpeper County, Gabriel Jones III (1768-1835), son of Gabriel and Martha (Slaughter) Jones.

(h) Anne ("Nancy") Wigginton who married first John Corner and secondly

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in 1819 Presley W. Smith of Culpeper County,
John Conner died in 1813 in Culpeper
County; he was the father of General
William Conner of Virginia and Tennessee.

4. William Batts was born 16 April 1744.
He married on 9 November 1769 Priscilla
Lee, daughter of Stephen Lee of Prince William
County. She died in Stafford County 18
April 1792, and William Batts removed to
Tipton County, Kentucky, the following
year. His father in law Stephen Lee
had previously settled in the same
County and died there in 1791. The
following is taken from the Prayer
Book of William Batts.

"William Batts and Priscilla Lee were
married Nov. ye 9th 1769.

Priscilla Batts died April 18, 1792."

"William Batts died Aug. 10, 1801 in the
57th year of his age."

"Elizabeth Batts, daughter of William
Batts and Priscilla, his wife was born
August 7, Anno Domini 1770."

"Sacred to the memory of William
Batts born in Stafford County, Virginia,
April 16th 1744; married Miss Priscilla Lee

of Prince George County, Maryland, Nov 9th, 1769. Landed in Kentucky November 1, 1792 and departed this life on Monday evening August 10, 1801, aged 57 years, 3 months and 25 days.

"Line written on the grave stone of my father buried at Richland Meeting House, Mason County, Kentucky. (Signed) Elizabeth Shackelford."

The following Children are named in the division of William Batts's estate:

- (a) Elizabeth Batts wife of George Shackelford.
 - (b) Seth Batts of Fleming County, Ky. He married Anne Eppes Hedges, daughter of John Hedges of Prince William County, Va. who mentions her in his will of 1804.
 - (c) A daughter the wife of Samuel Hedges.
 - (d) George W. Batts, who was his father's administrator. He married Anne Scott.
 - (e) Nancy Batts who married 14 April 1802 in Mason County, Ky., R. T. Parker. She was his second wife.
 - (f) Eleanor Batts who married 25 April 1796 in Mason County, Ky., Roland Thomas Parker. She was his first wife.
5. Aaron Batts was born 30 July 1746.

He died in⁴ Stafford County, Va., in 1790 leaving a will which was of record in Will Book "J." (1789-93) page 87. The will of his wife Anne (Parks) Batts was proved in Culpeper County, Va. They had nine Children.

6. Joseph Batts was born 23 June 1748. He married in 1772 Catharine Butler, daughter of Joseph and Anne (Carter) Butler of Prince William County. He removed to Montgomery County, Kentucky, where he died in 1814. They were the parents of fifteen Children.

7. Joshua Batts was born 24 July 1751. He died in 1781 in Prince William County. He married circa 1771 Frances Gaines (circa 1755-1817), daughter of Benjamin Gaines, Gent: of Culpeper County (circa 1735-1823). Frances (Gaines) Batts married secondly circa 1800 John Mansey (1739-1883/4 of Fauquier County, and died testate in Culpeper County, in 1817.

8. John Batts was born 25 October 1754 and died ante 1797 in Mason County, ~~ky~~ Kentucky. He married circa 1773, Lucy Gaines, daughter of Richard Gaines (circa 1731-1805 of Culpeper County. After John Batts'

death his widow moved with her younger children to Boone County, Kentucky. They had nine children

9. Jane Batts was born 8 January 1757 and died in Stafford County post 1826. She married William Gaines (13 March 1754-1818/19) of Culpeper County, the eldest child of Richard Gaines (c. 1731-1805). While the suit *Thornderry vs. Wigginton* was in progress, Mrs. Jane Gaines of Stafford County made a deposition on 2 September 1817 in which she recalls that her father Seth Batts gave his daughter Mrs. Sarah Wigginton a slave, the deponent being then but twelve years old. William and Jane (Batts) Gaines left no issue

10. Anne ("Nancy") Batts, youngest child of Seth and Sabina Batts, was doubtless born in Overwharton Parish, Stafford County, late in 1760. Her birth is not recorded in the Overwharton Parish Register wherein are recorded the births of several children just preceding the birth of Anne. It is to be remembered, however, that the

surviving copy of the Register terminates
in 1760. I have no further information
in regard to Anne Batts.

Feb. 18, 1956.

Mrs. Rula E. Barbee
Rural Route 2
Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Mrs. Barbee:

Your letter of May 12, 1953, addressed to Mrs. Guy D. Josserand has been forwarded to me.

I am descended from Ann Emelia Botts (1820-1912), dau. of Rev. Joseph Botts, who m. Ira G. Rhodes (1814-1898). Our Rhodes History, published in 1893, gives considerable early history and in addition to this my great grandfather and grandfather Rhodes passed some Botts records on to me. During the past several years I have been compiling a "Botts Outline" which is to be included in our Rhodes Genealogy to be published this year. This Outline ends with the record of the children of Rev. Joseph, son of John and Lucy (Gaines) Botts.

In your letter to Mrs. Jossarand you inquire about Seth Botts, Wiggintons and others of the Botts and Wigginton family. I have some Botts-Wigginton information and will be glad to help if I can. If interested, please send me every known fact you have concerning your Seth Botts Wigginton.

During recent weeks we have been writing letters to known Botts descendants asking if they would be interested in forming a Botts Family Ass'n. for the purpose of handling some needed early research and publishing a Botts Genealogy. We've also asked if each would contribute \$10.00 toward a fund to be used for research only. Many have replied stating that they are interested. If interested in such a venture please advise.

Yours Very truly,
H.J. Rhodes
4112 Via Larga Vista
Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

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Palow Verdes Estates, Calif.
Ded. 18, 1956

Miss Rula E. Barbee
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Miss Barbee:

We are today in receipt of a card from Gertrude C. Josserand advising of your interest in the Botts Family. Also that you would like to join our recently formed Botts Family Ass'n., of America.

During the past twenty odd years I have been compiling a genealogy of our Rhodes Family and a "Botts Outline" of all family groups involved in my line of descent from Thomas Botts, (d. Stafford Co., Va., 1742). Our Rhodes manuscripts and Botts Outline is now about complete and will be published early next year. However, separate and apart from this project, about thirty of us have banded together and formed the Botts Family Ass'n. of America for the purpose of compiling a full Botts Genealogy in manuscript form and hope this will someday lead to a published Botts Genealogy.

The Botts Family Association of America, (hereafter referred to as B.F.A.) has been functioning now about two months. Our officers are as per following:

Judge C.M. Botts, Albuquerque, N. Mex.-Pres
Vesper (Botts) Trodick, Kalispell, Mont.-Ex. V.P.
Wm. I. Rhodes, Grants Pass, Oreg.-Treas.
Virginia (Mullinax) Botts, Columbia, Mo.-Sec'y.
H.J. Rhodes, PV.E., Calif.-Dir. of Research

The purpose of B.F.A. is to collect, compile, and preserve all records pertaining to Thomas Botts, (d. 1742) and his descendants and to continue early research regarding the family. Membership is open to any descendant who will help us gather records, (in chart form), of his (or her) particular branch. Charts should be prepared in duplicate and may be obtained from Mrs. Virginia Botts, 1209 University, Columbia, Mo. Contributions are voluntary and should be sent to Wm. I. Rhodes, 207 N.E. "D" St., Grants Pass, Oregon-(to date contributions have ranged from \$10.00 to \$100.00 per member. Contributions are, of course, necessary to the success of B.F.A., but please understand that we are not soliciting funds. Several thousand dollars has been expended in the past by various members of the family and there has been much duplication. We intend to stop all duplication of work, keep letter writing to a minimum, and work in a cooperative and business-like manner toward an accurate family record.

If interested please let us hear from you. I enclose a small chart of my line of descent from Thomas Botts, (d. 1742).

Sincerely yours,
H.J. Rhodes.

Thomas Botts (d. 1742)

Seth Botts (d. 1776)
m. "Lib" (or Sib) Bridwell

John Botts (1754-1796)
m. Lucy Gaines

Rev. Jos. Botts (1790-1886)
m. Sabra Wilkes

Ann Emelia Botts (1826-1912)
m. Ira Graves Rhodes

Eugene Jos. Rhodes (1845-1931)
m. Martha Ann Keener

Wm. Ira Rhodes (1885-)
m. Pauline Jacklin

Howard J. Rhodes (1916-)
m. Inez E. Murphy

Dear Miss Barbee:

That was really cooperation of you to copy off Seth Bott's will. I note that it says my 5 sons but names Wm, Aaron, Joseph, Joshua & John, Nancy, Jenny, Mary Prince, Elizabeth & Sarah, yet speaks of the need of supporting the "young" children-so I wonder if there were any born after he made his will, 1-29-1763; he died 14 years later so if no others, the young ones might have been of age. Now I want very much to get a copy of Aaron's will if possible. I think you may know more about Botts than I do; anyway if you can get to a library that has genealogical material, you are 100% plus, ahead of me! There is no library anywhere around that has even an up to date "who is who" book! They say they will not invest, because it would lead into more expense.

I think, too, I told you that I contact a Botts family, the amn, Thomas Warfield Botts, being coach & athletic director for the University of Mo., at Columbia. It appears that he & his near kin descend from Aaron the brother of Seth (whose wife was Sabrina) while my husband & near kin comes from Aaron the son of Seth & Sabrina, according to what George Glass worked out, in 1949.

Now I wrote to Mrs. Myrtle Allen, Bardstown, Ky., and she thinks she saw the names Parks and Wigginton in Nelson County records.

It was she who found our Botts & Tutt data there, after one genealogist made a trip there & found only one item, that being the marriage bond & record of (our) Thompson Botts to Martha Tutt in 1807--Then Mrs. Allen went over the records, and found whole pages about them, in deeds, wills & various records. She was very modest in her charges, compared to others, and I suggest she be given the chance to look, because (I may have told you) there was a Nalle (descendant of Botts) who was security or bondsman for the marriage of Thompson Botts to Martha Tutt, and it seems to me, mention of a Wigginton in some of the data was made (Nelson Co.)

Mrs. Wm Bach asked me to give her considerable data & offering "an exchange", on my Stone "problem" in Batha County, Ky.,-that has happened to me, by her, some 2 or 3 times, with never even a reply after getting it, So this time she promised she would write soon and tell me if she has Wigginton data (is her son-in-laws line-Andrew who m. Louvincy Stone) I do not know if she is sick, procrastinates, or if she attends to "more pressing" things first! (those being the well paying customers) She has been recommended to me by several organizations; the most recent saying, "Mrs. Wm Bach, 165 Bell Court W., Lexington, Ky., is high priced, but a thorough worker". I know she goes about, or did, to various libraries such as Louisville's Filson Club records, Frankfort et al. There is an idea for you; if you have not, why not write to Filson Club, Louisville, Ky? They have answered me several times. It may be your "stubborn" streak is no less than my own, but unlikely, you may have the money at your disposal to hunt up these

which is not my own case! I seldom do have! There is a Botts descendant a **very** interesting correspondent to me, named Mr. Glen C. Frey in Seymour, Indiana. I will not say if he may have Wiggintons but possibly he might. I will enclose his address in case you want to try it(?) If I ever hear any items, I'll send you.

Sincerely,

Alta Botts.

Dear Miss Barbee:

Wish I could help you more but ~~this~~ is only item I have.

I would hazard a wild guess that your Seth Botts Wigginton is a son of Sarah Botts and James Wigginton ~~because Sarah's father~~ was Seth Botts. Anyway its a clue You will see J. Wig's will 1766-prob. Stafford Co. but I do not have it.

Mrs. Elmer Botts of Custer, Montana may know more of the Wigginton family or the Wigginton will for I ~~thank~~ she sent me this item.

I'm sending you what we have on early Botts-Some other names et cetra might fit into your picture. After you've read it will you please return-you can see the Botts Clan settled in Fleming and Mason Cou. Ky.-Does that agree with yours?

Be glad to hear more & will send any thing ~~else~~ I find. ~~Excuse haste~~-I'm leaving in a few minutes for Kans. City.

Gertrude C.J.

Ih book "Kentucky Pensioners" of Rev. & War 1812" by Mrs. Carl W. McGhee. There is a note "Henry Wigginton age 84 in 1840 list" in Bourbon Co. Ky. This might be a clue to where Wig. family lived.

Do you know any Cleghorn people? Anywhere? I'm interested in every one in the U.S.A.

Custer, Montana
Sept. 29, 1853

Miss Rula E. Barbee
R.R. #2
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Dear Miss Barbee:

Mrs. Guy Josserand sent me your letter to her, dated in May of this year, asking information about Seth Botts Wigginton, and she asked me to write you. As you see, my husband is a Botts, and his line of descent is from Seth Botts & wife and Sabina "Sib" or "Lib"-I know two sisters married James & John Wigginton, and the father Seth, left a will, which only recently was found in a court record in Fredericksburg Va; when Seth Botts made his will he bequeathed slaves to his children-one negress was given to one child, but with the proviso her children she produced, was to be given to the other daughter-years later, one Wigginton sued for the slave he felt due and so in that suit a certified copy of Seth's will was filed. The original will was destroyed during the war between the states. If you have access to "Tylers Magazine", a genealogical quarterly, dated April 1952 you can read that article. It is by George H.S. King, and who wrote about "extant wills". He had previously written me, offering me a copy of the will, for \$10.00.

A previous magazine, contained an article written by George W. Glass, a Botts descendant himself. I understand Mr. Glass has discontinued genealogy research, I do not know if true, (but I do know he replies to none of my letters.)

I have a faint recollection of seeing the name Smith Grigsby amongst my notes at some time, but cannot now recall why or where-my husband descends from Seth & wife through their son Aaron & wife Ann Parks of Va; Thompson Botts, born in 1760's in Virginia (Stafford or Culpeper) removed to Green or Nelson Co., Ky. There also, was another descendant of Seth Botts, who was Nalle. If you obtain from some library the Tyler's article by Geo. W. Glass, you will see that one of Seth's family married a Nalle. That this Nalle was on the "bond" for the marriage of great grandfather Thompson Botts to Martha K. Tutt, in 1807, in Nelson Co., Ky., shows they probably settled nearby.

I have found Botts in various counties in Ky., such as Mason, Bath, & Fleming, besides Barren, Nelson, Green and Adair. I never searched for Wigginto, however.

It would be interesting to have you tell me in what counties in Ky., these Wiggintons were & give me your data! In contacting various relatives & others in Ky., if I can assist you, I will do so & write, you of it.

My own kin were Moss, who settled near Greencastle, Indiana, also Stones. They were from Fleming & Bath Co's., Ky. I have a record where Lydia Moss Bradley's estate was settled in Peoria, Ill., in 1912, naming 155 heirs, many in Terre Haute, It seems Mrs. Bradley was a multimillionaire and endowed & established Bradley University, at Peoria, Ill. I have often wished I might have a few records that must be in Indianapolis-but "promised" never produced any results!

I shall try to contact a woman who once wrote me about Wiggintons from Maryland & seeking information herself. If she will reply, possibly she might have some more information, by now.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Elmer Botts
Custer, Montana.

P.S. Mrs. Josserand's husband is from the same line of Botts' except theirs was William Botts, a brother-when we first came to Mont. in 1914 there was a druggist by name of Wigginton-long since dead.

Miss Rula E. Barbee
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Miss Barbee:

Your data is very clearly stated and I would like to know how and where you obtain such charts as you used, & the price.

I am sorry that I do not have any data that names these particular people, but I will be on the alert and should I ever find any, I will forward to you.

However, here are a few notes I do have though perhaps of little value to you.

Once I hired a Mrs. Myrtle Allen of Bardstown, Ky., who did some splendid sleuthing finding many records on Botts-Tutt, where a former genealogist found nothing.

It is my guess, that our Botts, your Wiggintons the Tutts, Parks and the Nalle's were all close & went together to Nelson CO.-We know that one Botts m. Nalle, in Va., and we find where one Nalle was security or bondsman when our ancestor Thompson Botts, m. Patsey (Martha K. Tutt) there in 1807.

There was a Miss Mildred Jones, wrote me in 1950-51. I looked just now but failed to find her address though it should be here. She wanted Wigginton data and the will of Seth Botts (if I had obtained it) of Stafford Co., Va. If you will write to Geo. W. Glass % Congressional Library Washington D.C. and ask if he can supply you with the address of Miss Mildred Jones, or any other Wigginton descendant.

I referred you to Mr. Glass' article in July 1949 "Tylers Magazine"-in which he tells of Botts & Wigginton's. Then in Apr. "Tylers" 1952, there is an article by one Geo. H.S. King about Seth Botts will, found in chancery court in Fredericksburg, Va.-in it, Mr. King mentions Mr. Glass (neither gives the address). If you have already read these, you know about it, already. Mr. Glass is a descendant of Seth Botts thru Frances Gaines and Daniel Triplett, I understand.

Here is another suggestion: I find it helpful to write the corresponding sec. National Daughters of A. Rec. Administration Bldg., Washington, D.C. & ask for descendants holding an active membership under that name (name wanted). If

they have it they will use your return envelope to say so
& sometimes you find it has already been worked out!!

Now do you know any Glascocks around anywhere? or Moss?

Be sure that I will write if I should learn anything
-Oh yes! I found my Benedict line from Conn. by clues
furnished me by Salt Lake City L.D.S. library! They will
look then if the Co. & name is there, you can get a
"worker". You see they go everywhere & copy Co. records,
etc!

Yours truly,
Mrs. Elmer Botts
Custer, Montanan

Later: I have located the address of Miss ~~Mildred~~ ^{James} Turner

36 Faculty Apts.
Charlottesville, Va.

The woman who wrote me in 1951, wanting Botts-Wigginton data-she may have found something to help you along-as she is a Wigginton descendant if you can contact her at all-I suggest you write, "P.M. please forward, if possible" on the envelope. I do not know anything further to tell you, only that she established James Wigginton m. Elizabeth Botts, dau. of Seth.

In the chancery suit, Fredericksburg it is brought out one Wigginton sued the other for slaves withheld according to Tylers 1952 article by King.

I do not have much data on Gaines. That Lucy Gaines' pedigree thru Anne Cornelius, a dau. of Rowland Cornelius is about all-& that Lucy Gaines, in Mason Co. Ky., had a daughter Lucy who m. a man named Shovil, & a son Roland Botts. I hope you succeed for it is really a satisfaction.

NOTES ON SETH BOTTS'S WILL AS IT APPEARED IN TYLERS
QUARTERLY.

In the July 1949 issue of this Quarterly Mr. George W. Glass contributed a very interesting article on The Family of Benjamin Gaines Botts (1776-1811) with genealogical notes relative to the Botts, Gaines and related families of Virginia.

At the time the article was written Mr. Glass did not have access to the will of Seth Botts of Stafford County which was recorded in Stafford County Will Book "N" (which covered the years 1767-1783) page 323 and which volume is now missing from the Clerk's Office.

Some forty odd years after the death of Seth Botts there arose in the Fredericksburg District Court a suit in chancery styled Thornberry vs. Wigginton in which certain slaves and their descendants were in litigation and a certified copy of the will of Seth Botts of Stafford was presented as evidence in these proceedings. This document together with certain depositions and other papers filed while the suit was in progress add some information to that previously published, and these facts have been further supplemented by additional information gathered by Mr. Glass to whom I am indebted for making the same available for this account.

The maiden name of Sabina the wife of Seth Botts has not been ascertained. She died intestate in Stafford County about 1785 and agreeable to her husband's will her dower estate was equally divided among her five sons. Seth and Sabina had issue:

1. Sarah Botts who married James Wigginton. The suit papers state that on 1 January 1765 he moved from Stafford to Loudoun County to become overseer for Thomas Mason Esq., and that he died testate in Loudoun county in August 1766. Mrs. Sarah (Botts) Wigginton died testate in Frederick County, Va., in 1813; her will mentions land in Stafford, Culpeper and Frederick Counties. James and Sarah (Botts) Wigginton had issue ~~four~~ children:

(a) Mary Wigginton who married Samuel Thornberry; they were the plaintiffs in the suit previously referred to and in 1817 were residing in Fauquier County, Virginia.

(b) Nancy Wigginton who married John Mitchell of Culpeper County. In 1817 she was dead, and her children were made defendants in this suit, viz: Sally wife of

Thomas Yancey of Culpeper County; Betsy the wife of Charles Helm of Kentucky; William Mitchell and Peggy his wife of Kentucky; James Mitchell and Susan his wife of Kentucky; Benjamin Mitchell of Kanawha County; John Mitchell Jr., and Nancy his wife of Kentucky; and Catherine the wife of John Golat who were residing in Alabama.

(c) Benjamin Wigginton of Culpeper County who was by his father's will devised certain Stafford County lands and in which his mother had relinquished her dower rights. His daughter Elizabeth ("Betsy") Wigginton the wife of Wdward Settle of Fauquier County was a legatee mentioned in the will of Sarah (Botts) Wigginton which was written in 1811.

(d) James Wigginton who was born in 1755 shortly after his father's death. He was executor of his mother's will, and his two sons were legatees mentioned in their grandmother's will viz: William Pendleton Wigginton and J James Booth Wigginton.

2. Mary Botts married prior to 29 Jan. 1763-Mr. Prince.

3. Elizabeth Botts was born 3 October 1741 and married John Wigginton, brother of James Wigginton above mentioned. John Wigginton was the foster son of Richard Young (died 1775) of "Greenfield's, Culpeper County, and was the principle legatee of his will, The tombstones of John Wigginton who died April 27, 1825 aged 84 years and his wife Elizabeth who died July 15, 1824 aged 82 are clearly legible in the old cemetery at "Greenfields". The will of John Wigginton is of record at Culpeper Court. John and Elizabeth (Botts) Wigginton had issue eight children:

(a) Richard Young Wigginton (died 1807) of Culpeper; he married Mary Jones, daughter of Gabriel & Martha (Slaughter) Jones. She died without issue in Culpeper County in 1847.

(b) John Wigginton Jr., married Mary Bell & removed to Kentucky.

(c) Seth Wigginton died unmarried in New York in 1805.

(d) Benjamin Wigginton who married Harriett Scott and removed to Bedford County, Virginia. Their daughter Anne E. Wigginton married Dr. Archibald Bolling and they were grandparents of Edith Bolling the second wife of President Woodrow Wilson.

(e) Elizabeth Wigginton who married John Miller Bell and removed to Kentucky.

(f) Sarah Wigginton who married her cousin James Wigginton Thornberry. They moved to Kentucky.

(g) Jane Wigginton (1769-1857) who married 14 September 1790 in Culpeper County, Gabriel Jones III (1768-1835), son of Gabriel and Martha (laughter) Jones.

(h) Anne ("Nancy") Wigginton who married first John Conner and secondly in 1819 Presley N. Smith of Culpeper County. John Conner died in 1813 in Culpeper County; he was the father of General William Conner of Virginia and Tennessee.

4. William Botts was born 16 April 1744. He married on 9 November 1769 Priscilla Lee, daughter of Stephen Lee of Prince William County. She died in Stafford County 18 April 1792, and William Botts removed to Mason County, Kentucky the following year. His father-in-law Stephen Lee had previously settled in the same county and died there in 1791. The following is taken from the Prayer Book of William Botts.

"William Botts and Priscilla Lee were married Nov. ye 9th 1769.

Priscilla Botts died Aug. 10, 1801 in the 57th year of his age."

"Elizabeth Botts, daughter of William Botts and Priscilla his wife was born August 7, Anno Domini 1770".

"Said to the memory of William Botts born in Stafford County, Virginia, April 16th 1744; married Miss Priscilla Lee of Prince George County, Maryland, Nov. 9th 1769. Landed in Kentucky November, 1792 and departed this life on Monday evening August 10, 1801, aged 57 years 3 months and 25 days."

"Lines written on the grave stone of my father buried at Richland Meeting House, Mason County, Kentucky. (Signed) Elizabeth Shackelford."

The following children are named in the division of William Bott's estate:

(a) Elizabeth Botts wife of George Shackelford.

(b) Seth Botts of Fleming County, Ky. He married Anne Eppes Hedges, daughter of John Hedges of Prince William

County, Va., who mentions her in his will of 1804.

(c) A daughter the wife of Samuel Hedges.

(d) George W. Botts, who was his fathers administrator. He married Anne Scott.

(e) Nancy Botts who married 14 April 1802 in Maxon County, Ky., H.T. Parker. She was his second wife.

(f) Eleanor Botts who married 25 April 1796 in Mason County, Ky., Roland Thomas Parker. She was his first wife.

5. Aaron Botts was born 30 July 1746. He died in Stafford County, Va., in 1790 leaving a will which was of record in Will Book "T" (1789-93) page 87. The will of his wife Anne (Parks) Botts was proved in Culpeper County, Va. They had nine children.

6. Joseph Botts was born 23 June 1748. He married in 1772 Catharine Butler, daughter of Joseph and Anne (Carter) Butler of Prince William County. He removed to Montgomery County, Kentucky, where he died in 1814. They were the parents of fifteen children.

7. Joshua Botts was born 24 July 1751. He died in 1781 in Prince William County. He married circa 1771 Frances Gaines (circa 1755-1817), daughter of Benjamin Gaines, Gent: of Culpeper County (circa 1735-1823). Frances (Gaines) Botts married secondly circa 1800 John Mausey (1739-1803/4) of Fauquier County, and died testate in Culpeper County, in 1817.

8. John Botts was born 25 October 1754 and died ante 1797 in Mason County, Kentucky. He married circa 1773, Lucy Gaines, daughter of Richard Gaines (circa 1731-1805) of Culpeper County. After John Botts' death his widow moved with her younger children to Boone County, Kentucky. They had nine children.

9. Jane Botts was born 8 January 1757 and died in Stafford County post 1826. She married William Gaines (13 March 1754-1818/19) of Culpeper County, the eldest child of Richard Gaines (c. 1731-1805). While the suit Thornberry vs. Wigginton was in progress, Mrs. Jane Gaines of Stafford County made a deposition on 2 September 1817 in which she recalls that her father Seth Botts gave his daughter Mrs. Sarah Wigginton a slave, the deponent being then but twelve years old. William and Jane (Botts) Gaines left no issue.

10. Anne ("Nancy") Botts, youngest child of Seth and Sabina Botts, was doubtless born in Overwharton Parish, Stafford County, late in 1760. Her birth is not recorded in the Overwharton Parish Register wherein are recorded the births of several children just preceding the birth of Anne. It is to be remembered, however, that the surviving copy of the Register terminates in 1760. I have no further information in regard to Anne Botts.

THE FAMILY OF BENJAMIN GAINS BOTTS

BY

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In Gwathney's Twelve Virginia Counties p. 211, it is stated that "John Minor took a fancy to a lad who appeared as a witness in a famous trial at Culpeper and took him to Fredericksburg to be educated. The boy was Benjamin Botts, who became a celebrated lawyer and counsel for Aaron Burr in his trial for high treason. Botts named his eldest son for his benefactor. "John Minor's protege' was Benjamin Gains Botts (1776-1811), son of Joshua and Frances (Gains) Botts.

Thomas Botts (d. 1742) of Stafford County was the great-grandfather of Benjamin Gaines Botts. His will, dated February 17, 1742, and proved May 11, 1742 names sons Thomas, John Moses, Aaron, Archbald and Seth, friend Robert Asbee; his wife is mentioned but not named. The Overwharton Parish register shows that "Thomas Botts of Richmond County" was granted 198 on the Chopawamsick in Stafford County Land Book 4, p. 59).

Seth Botts, son of Thomas married Sabina---who resided in Overwharton Parish, Stafford County, on land inherited from his father. In the parish register the following births of children of Seth and "Sib" Botts are recorded:

Elizabeth Botts	born October 3, 1741
William Botts	born April 16, 1744
Aaron Botts	born July 30, 1746
Joseph Botts	born June 23, 1748
Joshua Botts	born July 24, 1751
John Botts	born October 25, 1754
Jane Botts	born January 8, 1757

The birth of Sarah the oldest is omitted. There are no records of the succession of Seth Botts, but his widow Sabina died in Stafford County about 1785, and her slaves were then divided among her principal heirs, sons William, Aaron, Joseph and John Botts, daughters Sarah Wigginton and Jane Gaines and minor heirs of Joshua Botts, deceased; Sarah had married James Wigginton (d. 1766) of Loudoun County, Jane's husband was William Gaines, son of Richard and Anne (Cornelius) Gaines, whose daughter Lucy Gaines married John Botts, son of Seth.

Joshua Botts, born July 24, 1751 married about 1722 Miss Frances Gaines of Culpeper County, daughter of Ben-

jamin and Elizabeth Gaines. Joshua and Frances Botts made their home in Prince William County, Virginia, where their children were born and where Joshua Botts died. His will dated, November 7, 1780, was proved in Prince William County, March 5, 1781. It names his wife Frances, sons William, Thomas and Benjamin Gaines Botts, daughter Susannah; mention is made of an unborn child (Anne); and he appoints his wife Frances, his brother W. Botts, John Wigginton, and Benjamin Gaines executors. William was to receive the land in Stafford County and the plantation in Prince William County was to go to Frances, his widow, and upon her death or marriage to fall to Benjamin. Witnesses: John Botts, Sarah Wigginton, John Prince.

After the death of Joshua Botts, Frances resided with her children in Culpeper County, presumably at the home of their grandfather, Benjamin Gaines, who was made guardian of the Botts minors (Deed Book N, p/ 38, Culpeper) While Benjamin Gaines Botts (1766-1811) was living in Culpeper with his widowed mother, the brilliant young attorney, John Minor (1761-1821) of Fredericksburg, was practicing in the courts of neighboring county seats. He met the young Botts in Culpeper and persuaded him to study law with him in Fredericksburg.

Through his mother, Benjamin Gaines Botts was related to such notables as Judge Edmund Pendleton, Gen. Edmund Pendleton Gaines and (distantly) Presidents Madison and Taylor. Mrs. Sue (Gregory) Whitmore, grand niece of Benjamin Botts in her manuscript history of the Gaines-Botts family states that Capt. James Gaines wrote her great-grandmother, Frances (Gaines) Botts, on the acquittal of Aaron Burr: "My son Edmund Pendleton Gaines, had Aaron Burr arrested, and you son Benjamin Botts, had him acquitted!" Under orders from President Jefferson, Gen. Gaines had accomplished the arrest of Burr in 1805.

The Gaineses of Culpeper descended from one Richard Gaines of Culpeper, who was dead by February 13, 1755, when his son, Francis Gaines (d. 1775-6) entered a charge of 1 pound 12 shillings on his account as administrator for several day's work "in moving Mother with Waggon----". The will of Francis Gaines dated September 26, 1775, proved July 15, 1776 in Culpeper (Will Bk. B, p/169) mentions "Isabella Gaines, daughter of my nephew Henry Gaines". This Henry Gaines was the son of William and Isabella (Pendleton) Gaines. That James Gaines who married Mary Pendleton was a brother of William, and hence a son of Richard, is proved by the statements of two of James' descendants, his great grandson, Major Augustus Woodford Gaines, and a great-great grandson William Gaines of Austin, Texas.

Since James and William both married into the Pendleton family of King and Queen County it is probable that their father Richard Gaines resided in that county before moving to Culpeper. Judge Edmund Pendleton (1721-1803) writes in his Family Chronicle of 1792 that "Isabella, daughter of Henry (Pendleton), was married to William Gaines by whom she had many children and died long ago." (Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, vol. 39 pp. 277-278). Of the other daughter of Henry and Mary (Taylor) Pendleton he wrote, "Mary the youngest daughter married James Gaines and is still living; has descendants to the fourth generation. Her husband died a few years past." Judge Pendleton's Chronicle, as published under the article by Mrs. Gottschalk and Major Nicklin, states that William Gaines "is still living" and then adds, "Died about 1790" Actually William Gaines died about 1796, the year his will was proved, and was "still living" in 1792 when Judge Pendleton, his brother-in-law, wrote his Chronicle.

The will of William Gaines was proved in Culpeper County, July 8, 1796 (Will Book D, p. 180) It was not dated. He names his daughter Isabella Brown, bequeathing to her his house & land (86 acres), to go to her daughter Lucy after her death. Other heirs are his granddaughters, Elizabeth, Isabella, and Ann Brown, his sons, Phillip, Richard, Henry, Ben, Robert, Thomas and James Gaines and his daughter Ann Steenberger. The will was witnessed by H Henry Scott and Frances Botts.

The Children of William and Isabella (Pendleton) Gaines were:

1. Richard Gaines, born about 1728, died 1804-5 in Culpeper County; married (1st) about 1753 Anne, daughter of Rowland and Rebecca Cornelius; married (2nd) after 1760 Jemima Pendleton, his first cousin a daughter of Philip and Martha Pendleton. His children were (by his 1st marriage) William Gaines, Revolutionary Pensioner, born March 13, 1754, married Jane Botts, daughter of Seth; Lucy Gaines, who married John Botts, son of Seth; and Rowland Gaines; (by 2nd marriage) Jemima, Benjamin, Nathaniel, Joseph, Judith, Ann, John-Cooke and Elizabeth Gaines⁶.

2. Henry Gaines, born about 1730, died 1810-11 in Madison County, Virginia; married (1st) Martha(George?) and (2nd) Sarah (Churchill?) His children were: George, William, Mary, Elizabeth, Frances (Fannie), Augustine, Thomas, Churchill, Gabriel, and Isabella Gaines (who is mentioned in the will of her grand-uncle Frances Gaines.)⁷

3. Benjamin Gaines, born about 1732 of whom later.

4. Robert Gaines, born about 1734, married Elizabeth Long, and was living in Orange County in 1779. It is probable that he moved into Rockingham County, and that his children were: Thomas, Lucy, Catherine, Robert, Mary, John-Long, Richard, Amelia (Milly), Sarah, Ursula, Reuben and Elizabeth.

5. Thomas Gaines, born about 1738, died in 1811 in Stokes County, North Carolina; married Susannah, daughter of Frances and Susannah (Dabney) Strother of Culpeper. His children were: Philip, James-Strother, Richard, Elizabeth-Strother, William-Dabney, Henry-Pendleton, Frances Henry, Susannah-Dabney, George-Washington and Francis-Thornton Gaines.

6. James Gaines, born about 1742, died in 1829 in Sullivan County, Tennessee; married (to Miss White,⁸ daughter of James and Margaret (Abbett) White of Culpeper; married (2nd) Elizabeth daughter of Francis and Susannah (Dabney) Strother of Culpeper. His children were: (by 1st marriage) Margaret; (by 2nd marriage) Susannah, Elizabeth, Lucy, Francis-Henry, James-Taylor, Frances, Gen. Edmund-Pendleton (1777-1849), Behethland(girl), Agnes, Anne, George-Strother, Martha (Patsy) and Sarah.

7. Anne Gaines born about 1742 (traditionally the twin of James); married Capt. Peter Steenberg. She was the mother of William Steenberg of Shenandoah County, Virginia.

8. Philip Gaines born about 1745, untraced.

9. Isabella Gaines, born about 1750, married Mr. Brown. Her children were: Elizabeth, Isabella, Anne, and Lucy Brown.

Benjamin Gaines, son of William and Isabella (Pendleton) Gaines, was a Justice of the Peace in Culpeper in 1784 and as late as 1793. In 1771 "Benjamin Gaines and Elizabeth his wife of Brumfield Parish, Culpeper County" conveyed 165 acres to John Barnhisle, Jr. (Deed Book F, p. 289). Elizabeth was still living in 1800 when Benjamin Gaines sold 14½ acres in Culpeper County to James Hudson (Deed Book V. p. 36). William Gaines in his will (proved in 1796), appointed his son, Ben Gaines, executor.

The will of Benjamin Gaines, dated August 18, 1818, was proved in Culpeper County on April 21, 1823. He

stipulated that his two negroes, Essex and Charles, his land, improvements, stock and furniture were to be sold to the highest bidder, and the money arising from the sale to be divided among his children, considering what each had formerly received from him. He then named and evaluated every cup and saucer, sheep or cow, or barrel of corn that he had ever given any of them. His daughter Francis share was to go "to her youngest daughter, Nancy Wall." His son William, had already received his full share. The shares of his sons Aaron and Edward, were to go to their children, since they were dead when Benjamin wrote his will, Other children named are Isabella, Peggy, Benjamin P. Gaines, Susannah Allen and Elizabeth. His son-in-law William Yates and his daughter Elizabeth, were made executors⁹.

The children of Benjamin and Elizabeth Gaines were:

1. Frances Gaines, born about 1755, of whom later.
2. William Gaines, born about 1756, inventory in Shenandoah County dated January 22, 1798; he married about 1776 Elizabeth Wallis. Their children were: John-Wallis, Thomas-Fischer, Francis-Strother, Isabella), Behethland S.(girl), Oliver-Wallis, and Susannah-Wallis Gaines.
3. Isabella Gaines, born about 1761, married February 13, 1786, in Culpeper County, William Yates. They were the parents of Benjamin Gaines Yates.
4. Aaron Gaines, born about 1763, died before August 18, 1818; married (1st) about 1785 Jane Kemp of Culpeper County; married (2nd) January 28, 1807 in Shenandoah County, Agnes, daughter of John Howell. His children were: (by 1st marriage) Kemp, Benjamin-Pendleton, Henry-Goodloe, John, Anne (Nancy), Margaret, Sarah and Barbara Gaines.
5. Margaret (Peggy) Gaines born about 1770, married December 6, 1787 in Culpeper County, Archibald Rider.
6. Benjamin P. Gaines, born about 1773, said to have moved to Ohio.
7. Edward W. Gaines, born about 1776, died before August 18, 1818; married August 22, 1796 in Culpeper County, Anne (Nancy) Yowell.
8. Susannah Gaines born about 1779 married January 13, 1799 in Culpeper County, Wesley Allen.
9. Elizabeth Gaines born about 1782, never married.

Frances Gaines daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Gaines married (1st) about 1722 Joshua Botts (1751-1780) of Prince William County, Virginia; married (2nd) about 1800, Mr. Mauzy. On July 13, 1806, Frances Mauzy, Benjamin Botts and Janem, his wife, and Jesse Nalle and Nancy his $\frac{1}{4}$ wife conveyed to Richard Newby and Richard Norris, Merchant, ~~their~~ interest in a tract of land which Benjamin Gaines had bought, as gaurdian of the Joshua Botts heirs, in Culpeper County (Deed Book I, p. 133). Daniel and Susannah Triplett, heirs of Joshua Botts, had already conveyed their interest in the land to Newby and Norris. The deed further states that Frances Mauzy had inherited $\frac{1}{5}$ of the share held by William Botts, deceased and $\frac{1}{4}$ of the share held by Thomas Botts, deceased. These were her sons who died without issue.

The will of Frances (Gaines) Botts Mauzy dated December 30, 1816, was proved in Culpeper County on January 19, 1818. She bequeathed \$100 and a large Bible "which shall cost eight dollars" to her daughter, Anne Nalle. To her great grand-daughters, Frances B., Jane, Susan, and Sophia Triplett, she made small bequethals, leaving the remainder of her estate to her daughter Susan Triplett who "is out of the legacy left her to maintain my grand daughter Mariah Triplet during her life and if grand daughter Mariah should live longer than her mother Susan Triplett then----the legacy left by me to my daughter, Susan, is to be for the maintenance of my grand daughter Mariah Triplett". She appoints her grandsons, William H. and Joshua B. Triplett, executors.¹⁰ Frances (Gaines) Botts Mauzy had died in 1817, for in November of that year, a division was made of the slaves of the estate of Joshua Botts, deceased, which were of the Dower of his wife and widow Frances.....lately deceased...." Susannah Triplett, Anne Nalle, and the minor heirs of Benjamin Botts, deceased, are mentioned as "the only living descendants of the said Joshua Botts."

The children of Joshua and Frances (Gaines) Botts were:

1. William Botts, born about 1773, died about 1792 in Culpeper County, Virginia, unmarried.

2. Susannah Botts, born June 9, 1774 in Prince William County, died in 1859 in Warren County, Virginia; married February 3, 1791, in Culpeper County, Daniel Triplett, born October 15, 1763 in Culpeper County, died September 27, 1845 in Shenandoah County, a Revolutionary pensioner. He was the son of John and Lucy (Abbett) Triplett of Culpeper County, the grandson of William and Elizabeth (Hedgeman)

Triplett of Prince William, and the great-grandson of William Sr., and Isabella (Miller) Triplett. William Triplett Sr., was a son of the immigrant Francis Triplett and his wife Abigail of Richmond County.

3. Benjamin Gaines Botts, born April 29, 1776, in Prince William County, Virginia, died December 26, 1811 in Richmond, Virginia; married, about 1798 in Prince William County, Miss Jane Tyler, daughter of Charles Tyler, and a connection of the Lawsons and Harrisons, and possibly of Alexander Lithgow, who was one of the executors of her uncle William Tyler. Benjamin Gaines and Jane (Tyler) Botts perished in the Richmond Theatre fire of 1811.

4. Thomas Botts, born about 1778, died before July 13, 1806, unmarried.

5. Anne (Nancy) Botts born 1780-81), married September 26, 1804 in Fredericksburg, Jesse Nalle of Rapidan, Virginia. He died about 1835.

The children of Daniel and Susannah (Botts) Triplett were:

21. Frances Botts Triplett, born December 1, 1791, in Culpeper County, married there in 1817; Fielding Finks. Their children were John W., Joshua B., Susan, Thomas, Sarah-Ann, Maria, Mary F., and Charles-Fielding Finks.

22. Sarah Hedgman Triplett, born June 22, 1793, in Culpeper County, married there in 1810, James Crigler.

23. William Hedgman Triplett, born March 25, 1795 in Culpeper County, married there in January 1833, Eliza Ann Bayliss. He lived at Front Royal, Warren County, Virginia. Granville Bayliss Triplett of Abilene, Texas and James Pendleton Triplett of Austin, Texas were his sons.

24. Maria Triplett, born November 24, 1798 in Culpeper County, blind from birth. She never married.

25. Joshua Botts Triplett, born May 5, 1800, in Culpeper County, untraced.

26. Jane Botts Triplett, born September 17, 1802, in Culpeper County, married Addison M. Gordon.

27. Susannah Botts Triplett, born March 26, 1804 in Culpeper County, died about 1842; married Daniel Freeman.

(1756-1844), a Revolutionary pensioner of Culpeper County and his wife, Phebe (Austin) Freeman (d. 1851). Daniel and Susannah B. (Triplett) Freeman had issue; Napoleon A., William H., John H., Josephine, Prince-Eugene, Earl-Richmond, and Daniel-Triplett Freeman.

28. Sophia Triplett, born June 2, 1807, in Culpeper County, died July 24, 1886; married July 17, 1844, John London Gregory, born November 30, 1802, in Bedford County, Virginia, died July 27, 1878. He was a son of Thomas and Mary (London) Gregory. John L. and Sophia (Triplett) Gregory had issue: Mary-Susan; and John-Minor-Botts-Gregory. Mary Susan Gregory married John Addison Whitmore; she compiled several valuable manuscripts on the Gaines-Botts families, as well as the Triplett family Bible records, used herein. Her son, Professor Harry G. Whitmore of Texas State College for Women in Denton, has made her material available.

29. Benjamin Botts Triplett, born May 27, 1809 in Culpeper County, married Elizabeth Jenkins.

2x. James Henry Triplett, born September 4, 1811 in Culpeper County, lived for a time in Hannibal, Missouri. He married Mary E. Evans, a near relative of Admiral Robley Dunglison Evans (1846-1912). Wellington, Emma, Daniel-Henry and Edith Triplett were their children.

2a. Thomas Botts Triplett, born September 20, 1813 in Culpeper County, untraced.

The children of Benjamin Gaines and Jane (Tyler) Botts were:

31. Alexander Lithgow Botts, born May 29, 1799, in Prince William County, died in 1860; lawyer, New York; married in 1820, Susan Frances Randolph (1800-1850), daughter of Henry and Lucy (Ward) Randolph and a descendant of Pocahontas. Alexander L. and Susan F. (Randolph) Botts had issue: Mary-Page, Lucy, Jane, William Henry, Thomas-Lawson, Alexander, Julian Randolph Stevens King and Virginia-Ann Botts.

32. John Minor Botts, born September 16, 1802 in Dumfries, Prince William County, died January 7, 1869; Congressman, lawyer, author; married Mary-Whiting daughter of Archibald and Mary (Whiting) Blair. Their children were: Benjamin, John, Archibald-Blair, Beverly-Blair, Mary-Minor, Rosalie S., and Isabella McLain Botts.

33. Thomas Hutchinson Botts, born in 1804, died in

1854; lawyer, Fredericksburg; married (1) October 24, 1822 in Fredericksburg, Anne-Carter, daughter of Byrd-Charles and Mary-Willis (Lewis) Willis and sister-in-law of Count Napoleon Achille Murat; married (2nd) October 10, 1828 in Fredericksburg, Mary-Scardett, daughter of William and Milly (Richards) Stone. His children were: (by 1st marriage) William, Benjamin-Alexander, Henry, Albert, Mary-Berkeley and Walter-Browne Botts. Col. Walter B. Botts settled in Houston, Texas and married Martha W. McIlhenny. Their daughter Hester Mossley Botts, married T.A. Cargill; she has supplied the writer with considerable data on the Benjamin Gaines Botts family.

34. Charles Tyler Botts, born in 1809 died in 1884 in California; agriculturist, journalist; married Margaret Marshall of Fredericksburg; They had issue; Elizabeth, Charles, and Benjamin Botts.

The children of Jesse and Ann (Botts) Nalle were:

51. James M. Nalle, untraced.

BOTTS FAMILY OF VIRGINIA AND KENTUCKY

Thomas Botts came from Wales(?) and settled in Virginia, Stafford County(?). He had a land grant in 1711, in Richmond County, Virginia. He married Elizabeth _____ His will in Stafford County, Virginia, in 1742:

Children:

1. Thomas Botts
2. John Botts
3. Moses Botts
- m. Sarah Chamberlain Botts
4. Aaron Botts
Died Loudon Co., Va., Inv. 1778
5. Archibald Botts
- m. Margaret Chamberlain
Daughter of Wm Chamberlain, mentioned in will 1791
- *6. Seth Botts
- m. Sabrina Bridewell
Before 1741

*Seth Botts b. 1715-20
m. Sabrina Bridewell of Prince Wm. Co., Va. His will
made 1763-Prob. 1776 in Stafford Co., Va.

Children: (Overwharton Parish Baptism Record, Stafford County, Virginia.

1. Sarah Botts b. d. m. 2-9-1756
m. James Wigginton
His will 1766
2. Elizabeth Botts b. 10-3-1741
3. William Botts b. 4-16-1744
m. Pricilla Lee
Daughter of Stephen Lee. He went to Fleming County,
Kentucky in 1790's.
4. Aaron Botts b. 1746
m. Anne Parks
Daughter of John Parks of Virginia.
5. Joshua Botts b. 1751 d. 1818
m. Frances Gaines
He died in Culpepper Co., Va.
6. John Botts b. 1754
m. Lucy Gaines
He settled in Mason County, Kentucky.
7. Jane "Jennie" Botts b. 1-8-1757
m. William Gaines
8. Anne "Nancy" Botts
See Seth's will 1776)

9. Joseph Botts
m. Catherine Butler
10. Mary Prince Botts

William Botts, son of Seth and Priscilla Lee Botts was born April 16, 1744, Stafford County, Virginia. He married Priscilla Lee, daughter of Stephen Lee and Jane Mattison (Maddison). Stephen was son of Richard Lee of "Ditchly" and wife, Judith Steptoe. Priscilla died in Stafford County, Virginia and William Botts went to Kentucky. He landed at Limestone Creek, now Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky on November 1, 1793. He died August 10, 1801 and was buried in Mason County. Later his body was moved to Flemingsburg, Fleming County, Kentucky, to his son Seth's family plot.

Children:

1. George Washington Botts b. ca. 1770
- m. Ann Scott

He was a merchant and a paymaster in Company in War of 1812.

2. Children:

1. George Ann Botts
- m. John Allen(m. Bath Co. Ky. 1833)
- No children.

2. William Scott Bottsb. 1810dd. 1833(bachelor)

He was a judge and senator. He left a large estate which was divided equally among 260 heirs on his maternal and paternal sides.

2. Seth Botts b.6-11-1772

- m. Amy Epps Hedges

She was a daughter of Capt. John Hedges and Elizabeth Epps.

3. Mary Botts
- m. Samuel P. Hedges

4. Nancy Botts
- m. Thomas Parker
5. Eleanor(Nelly) Botts
- m. Richard Parker

6. Elizabeth Botts
- m. William Shackelford.

Note: Mrs. Jane Lee Moses, Maysville, Kentucky has a copy of a letter written by Priscilla(Lee) Botts in Stafford County, Virginia and sent to her daughter, Elizabeth Shackelford who lived in Kentucky.

Note: Grace B. Armstrong, Urbana, Ill., "In an old prayer book, Elizabeth Botts Shackelford copied the following lines from the tombstone of her father, buried at Richland Meeting House, Mason County, Kentucky:

"Sacred to the memory of William Botts, born in Stafford County, Virginia April 16, 1744. Married Priscilla Lee of Prince George County, Mc., November 9, 1769. Landed in Ky. Nov. 1, 1793 and departed this life on Monday evening, Aug. 10, 1801, aged 57 years, 3 months and 25 days.

Miss Armstrong might have something on the Wiggintons.

Saron Botts, son of Seth And Sabrina Bridewell was b
born 1746. He married Anne Parks, daughter of Hohn Parks
and _____. He died in _____. He moved to Ken-
tucky before 1785.

Children:

1. Samuel

b. 1835

2. Susannah Stone

m. Mary _____

He fought at the battle of Bull Run

2. Bernard Botts

m. Susannah _____

3. John Botts

4. Thompson Botts

1866(Adair Co., Ky.)

m. Martha Tutt

m Elizabeth Moore

5. Joseph B. Botts

1798

m. Nancy Bristoe

6. Mary Botts

m. John Bristoe

7. Lucy Botts

m. Wm Bristoe

8. Elizabeth Botts

m. Gabriel Parks

10. Sarah Botts

m. Innis Brown

Thompson Botts married 1807 in Nelson County, Kentucky, died 1866, his will in Adair County, Kentucky. 8 children by Martha Tutt; 4 children by Elizabeth Moore.

Children:

1. Aaron Botts
2. Thomas Tutt Botts b. 1808 d. 1892
- m. Eliza Maxton, a cousin of Mark Twain
- m. Nancy Bristoe
- m. Cynthia Emerson
3. Benjamin Botts b. 1820(In Mo.)
4. Rufus Botts b. 1811 1884(In Mo.)
- m. Polly Gearhart
- m. Jane Fisher Higgs
5. John Botts
- m. Susan Craig

d. Adair Co. Ky. 6. _____ Botts He was an M.D. in Union Army in Civil War.

6. Samuel Botts He was an M.D. in Confederate Army in Civil War.

- m. Georgia Carpenter
7. Nancy Botts She died Adair County, Ky.
- m. Seymour Moore
8. Sarah Botts b. 1829 1921
- m. George Caldwell
- m. Wm Walker
9. Henry Botts He was an attorney in Tenn.
- m. Minerva _____
10. Anne Botts
- m. Jeff Baker Died in Ky.
11. Laura Botts
- m. John Powell Died in Tex.
12. Catherine Botts
- m. Wm. Orr Died in Glasgow Ky.

Joshua Botts son of Seth Botts and Sabrina Bridewell was b. 1751 in Stafford County, Virginia, married Frances Gaines. He died 1818 in Culpepper County, Virginia. Served in Revolutionary War.

Children:

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|--------------------|----------|----------|
| 1. William Botts | ca. 1773 | Bachelor |
| 2. Susannah Botts | 1774 | 1859 |
| m. Daniel Triplett | 1763 | 1845 |

Children:

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|-------------------------|------|
| Susannah Botts Triplett | 1804 |
| m. Daniel Freeman | |
| (1800-1872) | |

George Glass line.

- | | | |
|--------------------------|------|------|
| 3. Benjamin Gaines Botts | 1776 | 1811 |
| m. Jane Tyler | | |

He figures prominently in the trial of Aaron Burr.

He perished in a fire in a Richmond, Virginia theatre 1811.

Children:

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| 1. Alexander Lithgow Botts | 1800 |
| m. Susan F. Randolph | |
| 2. John Minor Botts | 1802 |
| m. Mary Whiting Blair | |
| 3. Thos. Hutchison Botts | |
| m. Mary Wills | |
| 4. Charles Tyler Botts | 1809 |
| m. Margaret Marshall, of Fredericksburg, Va. | 1884 |
| 4. Ann Botts(Nancy) | 1781 |
| m. Major Jesse Nalle | |

Children:

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| 1. Thomas Botts(Nolle)Nalle |
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John Botts, son of Seth and Sabrina (Bridewell)
Botts b. 1754. Married Lucy Gaines settled in Macon County,
Kentucky in 1790's.

Was Lucy Gaines a sister to Frances Gaines, wife of
Joshua?

Lucy Gaines father was:

Lucy Gaines mother was:

Children:

(From a booklet of Joseph Botts reunion, third Sun.
in August. Where?)

Joseph Botts⁹son of Seth and Sabrina Bridewell
Botts????) born-----. Married Catherine Butler Apr. 9,
1772 in Pr. William Co. Va., She was a daughter of Joseph
Butler and Ann-----. He died Montgomery County, Kentucky
1815. Inv. 7, July 1815. Catherine Botts d. May 4, 1835.
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Children:

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|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| 1. James Botts | b. 1773 | d. 1739 |
| 2. Sarah Botts | b. 1774 | d. 1848 |
| 3. Joseph Botts | b. 1776 | d. 1842 |
| 4. Joshua Botts | b. 1778 | d. 1859 |
| m. Malinda Holiday | | |
| Lived to be 96 | | |
| *5. Robert Botts (age) | b. 1779 | d. 1885 |
| 6. Catherine Botts | b. 1781 | d. 1823 |
| 7. Elijah Botts | b. 1783 | d. 1792 |
| (Name might be Eliza-
beth) | | |
| 8. Charles Botts | b. 1784 | d. 1846 |
| 9. Lawrence Botts | b. 1786 | d. 1833 |
| 10. Sabrina Botts | b. 1788 | d. 1844 |
| 11. Aaron Botts | b. 1790 | d. 1819 |
| 12. Thomas Botts | b. 1891 | d. 1854 |
| 13. Seth Botts | b. 1794 | d. 1873 |
| 14. Frances Botts | b. 1796 | d. 1824 |

Did she m. Elkanah Smith in Montgomery Co. Ky.
12-24-1819?

15. Robert Botts
m. Elizabeth Tolson
m. 1809 in Va.

Children:

1. Benjamin Tolson Botts
- m. Mary Williams
2. Nancy Botts
- m.----Wells
3. Joe Botts
- m. Julia Ann Myers

- 4. Amy Greene Botts
- m. Harrison O'Rear
- 5. James Robert Botts
- m. Mary Matilda Everson
- 6. Katie Botts
- m. Milton McClure
- 7. Elizabeth Botts
- m. Joseph I'Rear
- 8. George Nelson Botts
- m. Druscilla Bradshaw

Children:

- 1. Lula
- 2. Nancy

COPIES OF EXTANT WILLS FROM COUNTIES WHOSE RECORDS
HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.
BY GEORGE HARRISON SANFORD KING
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA.

WILL OF SETH BOTTS OF STAFFORD COUNTY, VA.

In the name of God Amen: I Seth Botts of the County of Stafford and Parish of Overwharton being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory praised be Almighty God and calling to mind the mortality of all flesh, and knowing it appointed for all men to die, do constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth, disannulling all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made or approved.

Imprimis: I commit my soul into the hands of God that gave it: &c and my body to the earth its Mother, to be decently buried at the discretion of my Exrs., hereafter mentioned.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son William Botts two hundred acres of Land more or less lying on the south run of Chappawamsic beginning at a branch called the school house branch following a line of marked trees running towards Wm Bott's. Also I give unto him one negroe man named Tom, one negroe boy named Edward and one whipsaw, also one feather bed and bolster and Rugg, one pair of blankets, a pair of sheets, also one dish and six plates, also one horse colt, also I give unto my son William Botts one cow and calf to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Aron Botts one hundred & fifty acres of land with the plantation whereon. I now live being part of the same tract with my son William Bott's and also twenty five acres joyning to it being part of a patent belonging to Robert Millian, also one negroe boy called Bob and fifty pounds cash to be laid out to buy him another slave, also my stills also one bed, one rugg and bolster, one blanket, one pair sheets, also one horse that is now called his, also one dish & six plates also one cow and calf to him and his heirs forever. I also give unto my son Aaron Botts one Mahogany table.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Jos. Botts one hundred acres of Land out of the parcel of Land bought of Capt. John Lee beginning at a marked white oak on the middle run of Chappawamasic near the mouth of a branch called the school house branch and from thence following a line of marked trees to a corner red oak tree upon a

ridge and from thence running along Lee's line on part whereof I have a small plantation now cleared-Also one mulatto boy called Daniel and fifty pounds cash to buy him a young slave, also one feather bed and bolster, one rugg, one blanket, one pair of sheets, also one dish and six plates to him and his heirs forever. I also give unto my son Jos. Botts one iron pot bought of Pope's estate, also one cow & calf.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Joshua Botts the other part of the same tract of Land, one hundred acres lying in the middle run of Chappawamsic, also one negro woman called Nell, but from this day the two first children that she shall raise shall be for my two daughters Nancy Botts and Jenny Botts and also one negroe boy called Moses, also one feather bed, one bolster, one rugg, one blanket, one pair sheets to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son John Botts two negro boys, one named Solomon the other named Anthony also one negro woman called Sarah, she and her increase to the said John Botts, also one feather bed, one rugg, one blanket, one pair of sheets, also one cow to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Prince one negroe Girl called Grace, and also fifty pounds cash to buy her a young slave, also the feather bed and furniture that is now called hers, also one cow and calf, also one dish and six plates.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Botts one negroe Girl called Martha, also fifty pounds cash to buy her a young slave, also one bed and furniture which is now called hers, one cow and calf and one dish and six plates, also I give her my riding mare.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Wigginton fourteen pounds which is due for the land James Wigginton bought of me, to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my loving wife Sabina Botts one negroe man called Peter, also one negroe woman called Frank, also one negroe woman called Dinah, I give also the work of all my negroes to my loving wife to maintain the young children with all and to raise the young negroes with also all my whole stock and working tools to the profit of the young children (except the legacies before mentioned) to the schooling of them and also the goods that

is in the house to the cloathing of them with all, but at her death it shall be equally divided amongst my five sons. All that I have given unto my wife is during her widowhood, but at the day of her marriage she shall deliver all that I gave her into the hands of my Executors, except one negroe and one bed and one cow and one negroe that I have left my wife shall at her death be equally divided among my five sons. The cash that I have left is to be laid out to purchase slaves with by the hand of Col. John Baylis when he shall see a convenient opportunity, and there shall no part of this two hundred pounds drawn out that is to purchase slaves with until it is laid out and that my Executors shall have the liberty of working the slaves that I have left for the maintenance of the young children on any part of my land for the support of the said children until they come of age.

January 29th 1763

I constitute and ordain my loving wife and my son Wm. Botts and my son Aaron Botts Executors to execute this my last will and testament.

his
Seth X Botts
mark

Signed & sealed for
in the presence of

Wm Bridwell
his
Moses B X Bridwell
mark
his
Robert X Millian
mark

August Court 1776

Stafford Sc:

This will was presented in Court by Sebina Botts and William Botts two of the executors therein named who made oath thereto according to law, and being fully proved is admitted to record, and on motion of the said Sebina and William and they having performed what is usual in such cases, Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste

Henry Tyler C.S.C.

A Copy

Teste

J.M. Conway Cl: Cur: